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MidwooditesHold Elections of 1964 For Sing Officers

By RONNIE KRASNE

The students of Midwood have elected their officers for Sing 1964.

The senior officers are Chairman Amy Siegel, Co-chairman Joan Mattingley, leader Stevi Pava and Co-leader Judy Winter. Juniors have elected Rachel Lampert as chairman, Dave Soshuk as co-chairman, Tommy Milano as leader and Janie Stein as co-leader. Chairman Harriet Hersh, co-chairman Elinor Bartel, leader Cecilia Urso are the officers of Sophomore Sing. To represent the freshman class are chairman Wendy Berloe, co-chairman Miriam Beeber, leader Seena Pava and co-leader Carol Wolf.

Commissioner of Freshman Sing, Michael Kuba, has stated that this year there will be no frosh chorus, but over 100 actors. The reason for this is that the freshman chorus in the past has always been the smallest chorus. Therefore it lacked volume and richness in tone.

Rochelle Roth, commissioner of Soph Sing, stated that the sophomore class had a "great turnout" at the first meeting.

Junior Commissioner Richie Wellikoff said he was enthused by the overwhelming response from the junior class.

Sing Commissioners: Left to Right—Richie Wellikoff, Callie Touger, Rochelle Roth, Michael Kuba

Senior Commissioner Callie Touger said, "Our aim is to present Sing worthy of Midwood tradition, and if possible, the winning sing."

Seven are Semifinalists; 52 Commended

By PHYLLIS TAUB

This year, in the ninth annual Merit Program, seven Midwood seniors qualified as semifinalists, while fifty-two other students received Letters of Commendation, for their high scores on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, given in the spring of 1963.

In Midwood, the students who are eligible as semifinalists are: Richard Breslow, Stephen Goldberg, Frances Novack, Margaret Rossoff, Elliot Schnapp, Diane Siperstein, and Richard Thorner.

Achieving a score of at least 148 out of 180 points on the qualifying test, enabled a student to become a semifinalist this year. These high scoring seniors then take a second examination for further determination of Merit Scholarship winners.

Students in New York State who achieved a score of at least 136 points on the qualifying test received a Letter of Commendation. This makes them eligible for the receipt of scholarships, other than the Merit, which are offered through the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. They may also receive financial assistance from the college of their choice if it is necessary. Midwood's fifty-two Commended students, fifteen more than last year, are:

Merit Semifinalists: Left to Right—Elliot Schnapp, Frances Novack, Richard Breslow, Margaret Rossoff, Stephen Goldberg

Madeline Amreich, Allen Ascher, Lewis Barnett, Elaine Belsky, Stephen Berch, Sheila Berkman, Gloria Blesser, Rochelle Braff, Mark Bruce, Andrew Clark, Daniel Cohen, Bruce Diamond, Charles Drucker, Richard Dutton, Ira Eisenstadt, Alan Engelberg, Teddy Feit, Louise Forsyth, Steven Frank, Eric Freedman, Diane Gitlin, Renée Goldstein, Emily Herczeg, George Heymont, Stanley Jonas, Martin Katz, Kenneth Kushel, Judith Lerner, Dennis Lynch, Charles Matays, Joan Mattingley, Kaila Obstfeld, Natalie Posner, Nira Reiss, Susan Ritter, Karan Rockow, Michael Ruchlis, Barry Schaffer, Amy Siegel, Alan Siegelberg, Bonnie Silver, Saul Silverstein, Stephen Spector, Stuart Susnick, Phyllis Taub, Jay Touger, David Traktman, Jeffrey Vogel, Joanne Westerberg, Dale Wilhelm, Judith Winter, and Ann Zinn.

In April, 1964, Finalists for the four year Merit Scholarships are notified, concluding this year's program.

Students Win Art Scholarships; Assembly Planned For November

By DIANE SOMETH

The art department recently announced that Pratt Institute of New York awarded seven students from Midwood art scholarships. The students are: Martin Abrahams, Steve Dalachinsky, Rita Kruze, Joan Mattingley, Sherry Miller, Sondra Sternam, and Esther Rosenfeld. Competition for these scholarships is keen, since Pratt awards a maximum of eighty scholarships to students in New York City. The winners were judged on their work, a portfolio, and a personal interview. The art scholarship entitles winners to attend an art course at Pratt for 10-15 weeks every Saturday morning. The courses offered are: advertising design, industrial design, painting, and sculpture.

The art department also sponsored a Halloween Art Window Contest on Ave. J. Competitors were given paint and two brushes by the school, with which they painted an appropriate Halloween design on an assigned store window. Mr. Lefkowitz, head of the art department, and Ave. J store owners judged the window displays.

An unusual art assembly is planned for Midwood November 6 and 13, and for the Annex, November 14. The art program will be in the form of a dramatic presentation. The purpose of this assembly is "to try to clarify the goals of the artist." There will be six or seven students who will paint a picture of one of Midwood's football players as their model during the assembly period. At the close of this assembly, the art students will present their finished products and explain why they painted the picture as they did.

THANKSGIVING GAME TO MARK HOMECOMING

The Midwood-Erasmus football game will be the scene of this year's homecoming for the alumni, Thanksgiving Day, November 28.

In previous years the Homecoming Day was usually held at the Christmas and Chanukah Holiday Assembly. However, this year, because school is closing on December 20, the annual homecoming will take place at the Midwood-Erasmus football game.

Mrs. Betty Conn and Mrs. Gladys Bernstein, alumni advisors, will organize and be in charge of the entire affair. The alumni advisors and staff are, in addition, planning to have an Alumni Booth at the field. The advisors hope that the alumni who are present at the game will contribute to the fund, which keeps the alumni newspaper and all alumni events prospering. All people involved are looking forward to a large turnout.

MIDKIDS PARTAKE IN PRESENTATION OF A MODEL U.N.

By LINDA SCHOTT

Midwood, along with various other schools in the nation, will once again participate in a Model United Nations this year.

Midwood is the only public school in New York City taking part in this activity. Supported by the East Coast Model U.N., the student project is staged in a different part of the nation each year. April 11 through 13, is the proposed date of presentation, and Mount Vernon, New York, is the intended site of this year's Model U.N. Ten to fifteen students from our school will participate. This extra-curricular activity is run by the student body.

In the Model U.N., each school represents the delegates of an appointed country. These representatives must take the viewpoint of that specific country; they may not include their own personal opinions. The representatives will discuss international problems and hold committee meetings. The project began in 1958 and has been a great success in the ensuing years. Also present, will be speakers from various newspapers and some state officials. They will speak about the United Nations, telling the participants what they, and future citizens, can do to cope with world and national problems.

Midwood High School will observe Open School Week again this year. Parents and teachers will confer for two hours during the day Monday, November 18 and from 7:30-10:00 P. M. Tuesday, November 19. It is hoped that all parents will avail themselves of this opportunity to meet their children's teachers and to learn of their child's school record thus far this term.

Math Team Achieves Honors

By CINDY ZEIDMAN

Michael Ruchlis, a senior and a member of last year's math team, is the captain of Midwood High School's new math team. The team is under the direction of Mr. Aaron Shapiro who is presently considering ten candidates for this year's team.

In addition to vying for math honors in the city and national math contests, the math team is also scheduled to hear lectures from several noted speakers on different topics in mathematics this year. All those who wish to join in the discussion are welcome to do so. It is hoped that Midwood's team will be as great a success this year as it was last year.

Last year's math team, headed by Robert Starr, scored a smashing success against other city high schools and won a victory trophy which now stands in the first floor trophy cabinet. The team defeated the following high schools: Madison, Erasmus Hall, Brooklyn Tech, Bronx High School of Science and Abraham Lincoln High School. Stuyvesant High School placed first in the city's math contest, while Midwood's math group placed second.

Other honors won by the 1963 Midwood math team included a Certificate of Merit for placing eighth in the National Interscholastic Math Contest in the Spring of 1963.

City Roundup.....

The Recereation Commission celebrated this year's annual Fall Dance, October 25, in the girls' gym. Its theme is the unusual atmosphere of a night club.

The Recreation Commission, headed by Judy Nathan, thought that this would make the dance different from a typical school dance and would thus bring a larger turn-out than had previous events.

In the place of gym suit clad girls, the gym will be lined with tables topped with red and white tablecloths. Spotlights and hanging fixtures throwing colored light on the dance floor will add to the effect. Midwood's Dance Band will provide the music.

The Around New York Commisssion now has tickets available in B-71, periods 4 through 8 for a showing of the movie "Cleopatra," Friday morning, November 29, at the Rivoli Theater. The discount price is $1.50 per ticket.

The Around New York Commission is also placing a basket of student discount tickets for other events in the lobby and in B-71.

Commissioner George Heymont stated, "I hope the students will take advantage of the discount prices offered, for they will find the experiences very rewarding." The commissioner reminds Midwoodites to watch for signs in the halls and wishes all students "happy theater going."

"My job is to help students get part time jobs," said Mrs. Grant, advisor in the Vocational Guidance Office. Mrs. Grant caters to academic students, and Miss Smith, a representative of the New York State Employment Service, offers her services to all seniors who are not planning to go to college. This year, the Board of Education scheduled a number of career conferences for students interested in various jobs.

The conferences are usually arranged by Miss Smith or Mrs. Grant, but this year they have been arranged by the Board of Education.

For all those interested in a medical career there was a medical career conference October 19, at the New York Academy of Medicine. The Fashion Institute of Technology held a career conference in the field of fashions November 2. There will be a secretarial careers conference November 9 at Hunter College, and November 16 a science and engineering careers conference will be held at Columbia. A tour of the cancer research departments of Brooklyn hospitals will take place November 11. Anyone interested in any above conferences should contact Mrs. Grant. The Vocational Guidance Office will report a schedule of more conferences and tours this term.

In the job office, many services are rendered to the pupil. A Kuder Interest Test is given to help the student find out for what profession he is best suited. If necessary, students are sent to Vocational Advisory Service. This service helps one decide for what career he is suited. This help ordinarily costs fifty dollars but when one is sent from the Vocational Guidance Office, it is given free of charge.

Midwood High School has changed the daily rituals in all homerooms. In past years the fourth stanza of "America" and the pledge of allegiance to the flag composed the daily ceremony. Because of the Supreme Court's recent ruling concerning abolition of prayer in the public schools, it is no longer possible for "America" to be heard over Midwood's public address system. In place of this, "America the Beautiful," sung by members of Midwood's Mixed Chorus, is now heard in all homerooms along with the pledge of allegiance.

The Midwood **Argus** would like to remind all students that the contest to choose a nickname for Midwood is still running, and will continue into December. Jot down your entry on a slip of paper with your name and homeroom, and drop it off at the **Argus** office, room 449. Don't delay! You may be the winner of a prize.

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EDITORIAL BOARD ELECTS ALPER AS EDITOR - IN - CHIEF

The Midwood **Argus** editorial board elected Harvey Alper as the new editor-in-chief of the **Argus** October 9. The election took place after chief, Rosemary Grassi, resigned. Replacing Harvey, who is a former news editor, is Phyllis Taub, who was an associate editor on the news staff. Harvey stated, upon being elected editor-in-chief, "I've always been interested in writing, and attaining the position of editor-in-chief seems to be the culmination of my yet young career."

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Wednesday, December 4		Thursday, December 5		Friday, December 6	
I 8:15-9:30	English 8, 5, 4	I 8:15-9:45	Social Studies 4, 3	I 8:15-9:30	English 7, 6 English 7M (1 hr.)
II 9:50-11:20	Social Studies 5	II 10:05-11:35	Mathematics 7, 4 Merchandising 4, 3, 1	II 9:50-11:20	Law 1 Mathematics 5, E, F Math 2, 1 (1 hr.) Merchandising 2
III 11:40-1:10	Accounting 4, 3, 2, 1 Business Arithmetic 2, 1 Mathematics 3	III 11:55-1:25	Biology 5, 4, 3 Lab. Techniques B, H General Sci. 2 (1 hr.) Modern Sci. 1 (1 hr.)	III 11:40-1:10	Spanish 5, 4, 3 Spanish 1 (1 hr.) Stenography 2, 1
IV 1:30-3:00	Clerical Practice 2, 1 (1 hr.) French 6, 4 French 5, 3 (1¼ hr.) French 1 (1 hr.) Secy. Pract. 2, 1 (1 hr.) Stenography 4 Stenography 3 (1 hr.)	IV 1:40-3:00	GENERAL CONFERENCE IN AUDITORIUM Soc. Studies 7 (2 hrs.) Math 5X, 5Y, 5R (2 hrs.)	IV 1:30-3:00	Mathematics C (2½ hrs.) Mathematics 7X (2 hrs.) Social Studies 1
		V 3:15-4:30	English 5M (1 hr.) English 3, 6X		

Seniors and Parents Gather; Discuss Future College Plans

The college commission, in conjunction with the Midwood High School college office, presented a college guidance program for seniors and their parents, October 7 at 8:30 P.M. The meeting took place in the school auditorium.

Carolyn Gluck presided. Dr. Bernstein addressed the group first. He urged students not to come down with "senioritis" in their final year and warned that the consequences could be grave. He also asked parents for help in processing college applications in the records office.

Mrs. Brill of the Brooklyn College admissions office spoke next. She regretted bringing "bad news", but reported that the average for entrance into Brooklyn would rise by next fall. No one knows as yet what the new average will be.

Mr. B. Cohen, advisor in the college office, discussed "realism" in choosing a college. Mr. Kostman, also a college advisor, spoke about the Verbal Scholastic Aptitude Test, the achievement test in English composition, and the Writing Sample. He outlined the nature of each test, and suggested various methods that students can use to improve their scores on the college boards in English.

Miss Bradshaw, college advisor, claimed that there are 2236 "prestige colleges." She stated that the worth of a school is measured by what you do while in college and what you do when you get out.

A question and answer period concluded the program.

We Regret...

The staff of the Midwood "Argus" regrets to note the following losses:

Mrs. Annette Brody, who was a laboratory assistant in Midwood's biology department since 1956, passed away October 1. Mrs. Brody was a highly valued member of the biology department. She was a "wonderful person, interested, helpful, cheerful, and willing in her service to both students and teachers." Mrs. Brody had two children, a daughter and a son, both of whom are now attending college.

Mr. Joseph Chudnow, father of Mrs. Jeanette Kaufman of the math department, died recently.

Sincerest sympathy is extended to the members of the bereaved families.

NEW EQUIPMENT BOUGHT; RADIO CLUB ORGANIZED

By ROVENA SHRECK

Stephen Berch and Arthur Schur, two Midwood students interested in electricity, started an amateur radio club in Midwood High School. The idea of a specialty club such as this one began in 1955, but for lack of a faculty advisor and sufficient equipment the idea was forgotten.

This term, the students were fortunate enough to have Mr. Stephen Berr take over the position of faculty advisor. The club was recognized by the City of Midwood and the sum of $250 has been allocated for equipment.

October 17, 1963 was their first day on the air and the boys contacted a New Jersey radio station. In the near future, they expect to reach a distance of 200-800 miles. In order to expand this distance more money is needed for extra crystals to increase the frequency range.

The club consists of the following fifteen members: Stephen Berch, Arthur Schur, Leonard Shames, Mark Shurr, Carl Lazarus, David Lane, Bob Goldstein, Robert Krieff, Leonard Gershuny, Robin Sagot.

Thanks to Mr. Reich and Mr. Weissman, room 417 is free for meetings during "M" homeroom on Wednesdays.

The members of the club have just purchased code records, a code oscilator, theory books, license manuals and an amateur handbook to service those students who would like to find out more about this club and consider membership. Any student interested in joining the amateur radio club should contact either Stephen Berch or Arthur Schur.

The purpose of this club is to aid in Civil Defense. It has made provisions for emergency operation. It will be a liaison between Civil Defense Headquarters and Midwood High School for national or local emergencies.

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DOXA AWAITS PLAY DAY

Doxa, Midwood's girls' health education honor society, will hold its annual Play Day November 27 here at Midwood. Representatives from nine neighboring high schools have been invited to compete in different sports.

The participating high schools will be Erasmus, John Jay, Lafayette, Lincoln, Madison, New Utrecht, Prospect Heights, Sheepshead, and Wingate. There will be seven representatives from each school and they will be divided into teams. The theme will be television programs and each team will have a television character's name. It will be an athletic afternoon with refreshments served at the close of the day.

December 18, Doxa girls and Midwood's men and women teachers will play a student faculty volleyball game. The teachers participating will be Miss Schnell, Doxa's new faculty advisor, Miss Scongerella, Mrs. Stern, Mrs. Feldman, Miss Cashman, Mr. Kolbert, "and any other teacher who wishes to participate," said Christa Jorgensen, the secretary for Doxa.

Doxa girls went trick-or-treating on Halloween, October 31. The proceeds will be forwarded to UNICEF. "The girls will all be wearing costumes from different countries that evening and it should prove to be a lot of fun," said Doxa's chancellor, Sara Rothchild in early October.

In order to become a member of Doxa one must attain an overall average of 75% and an average of 85% in gym. Meetings are held every Wednesday during the long A.M. and P.M. homerooms. Aside from its other activities and duties, Doxa is also in charge of the color guard at assemblies.

SENIORS, FROSH, COUNCILS, ELECT TERM OFFICERS

Eighth term students elected class officers September 26. The freshman class chose its president and vice-president October 18, while council members elected officers October 8.

The four eighth term homerooms attended an election rally September 25 in the senior alcove of the cafeteria, before casting ballots. Louise Levene, election co-commissioner, asked each candidate one question concerning his platform. The following day, the eighth term students, voting in their respective homerooms, chose Beverly Blitz as president, Emily Gaffin as vice-president, and Susan Edelson as secretary. Beverly plans a senior breakfast with a senior show plus a senior prom for the eighth term students.

The freshman class elected Rozzie Moresh to the first term presidency and Richard Bernstein to this term's vice-presidency. An assembly staged by the election commission at Kensington Annex preceded the frosh ballotting. Each student who sought a first term office made a speech in which he presented his platform. Linda Familant, election co-commissioner, asked each candidate one question concerning the speech he had just made. The candidates also answered questions from students in the audience.

The A.M. Council, composed of all A.M. homeroom presidents, elected Natalie Posner as its new president and Judy Elkin as secretary. Howard Roitman is the new president of the M Council and Marilyn Bruno is the new secretary.

Cortez Paints Mural Of Prairie Animals

By STUART SUSNICK

Last term, Edmund Cortez, then a sophomore at Midwood, painted a mural which now hangs outside room 402.

Mr. Reich, head of Midwood's biology department, and Mr. Heymont, a teacher in that department, suggested that Edmund do a mural on animals. He accepted the idea and looked through several books to get ideas for the painting. The mural took Ed three weeks to paint and is composed of oil paint on masonite.

"Animals of the Prairie"

Edmund entitled his mural "Animals of the Prairie." He has also created a charcoal horsehead which hangs at the Annex.

Sherry Sisters Mix Talents; Exciting Vocal Group Emerges

By RONA GOLDSTEIN

"A jack of all trades and a master of all" is a suitable description of the Sherry Sisters, otherwise known as Karen Klein, 19, and Lois Klein, 15, the latter a junior at Midwood.

Beginning with their main concern, studies, both have achieved top scholastic honors. Karen, a senior at Brooklyn College, was graduated summa cum laude from Midwood in 1960, and is presently on the Dean's Honor List. Lois, who was valedictorian of her graduating class of Andries Hudde Junior High School, won the American Legion Award for high scholastic achievement last year, and maintains a 96% average.

The Sherry Sisters

Both girls intend to complete their studies and perhaps continue at graduate school. Fascinated by languages, Karen is making this her major and plans to teach. Lois shares Karen's interest, but is not certain about her particular major. According to Lois, "our singing combines our interests in music and languages." The Sherry Sisters sing in seven languages; Spanish, French, Italian, Hebrew, Russian, Japanese, Yiddish, and English.

Karen and Lois have studied classical music for ten years and are accomplished pianists. Former Huddeites may remember Lois, who studied at the Juilliard School, giving a superb interpretation of Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue at a concert given by the school.

The Sherry Sisters made their debut while singing at a summer resort and have since appeared at such notable places as Grossingers', the Hotel Commodore, and Town Hall, which was the scene of the girls, "most exciting and memorable performance." According to Dick Clark, the master of ceremonies for the program, "they brought the roof down."

Signed with Columbia Records, Lois and Karen will shortly record a number of songs which they have written themselves, illustrating another of their talents.

Mr. and Mrs. Klein each credit the other for their daughters' numerous talents and are quite proud of them.

ASSEMBLIES REVERT TO FORMER TIME SCHEDULE

The grade advisors of Midwood High School have decided that the proposed alteration of the assembly schedule is inappropriate. All Midwood students are now back on the original auditorium schedule which lengthens both A.M. and P.M. homerooms every Wednesday.

Many students had complained that because of their programs, they would be scheduled to attend both assemblies. This would lengthen their day.

Half of the junior class and the entire senior class is divided into three groups, two of which attend most of the assembly programs and a third which alternates every third week. The sophomores and the rest of the junior class are divided into two groups, one of which attends the assembly one week and the other the following week.

This term Midwood High School is the scene of many interesting and worthwhile assembly programs. Appearing at the October 2 B-71 installation assembly was Eric Segal, a former mayor of the City of Midwood. He installed the new officers for the fall term into their respective positions. Mr. Segal informed the assembly of his achievements since his graduation from Midwood. He is presently lecturing at Harvard University.

Midwood High School also presented a program concerning smoking October 9, and 16. Dr. Robert Potter, a chest surgeon at Brooklyn Hospital, answered questions on this topic. In addition, he discussed items mentioned in the film which was shown to the students. Dr. Potter discussed the close relationship between lung cancer and smoking. During the last thirty years, deaths resulting from lung cancer in America have totalled 41,000. Dr. Potter posed the question, "Is smoking worth it?"

Midwood presented a Peace Corps assembly October 23 and 30. A former Midwoodite who is also a former Peace Corps member was the guest speaker.

The art department will have a chance to show what its students have done and to speak of future projects November 13. Mrs. B. Sierles, assembly coordinator, is now planning many assembly programs.

ALL-CITY MUSIC GROUPS SELECT MIDKIDS

Last term, the Lincoln Center Fund awarded four Lincoln Center Students Awards to students at Midwood.

The award winners were: seniors, Jane Flegenheimer, Stephen Goldberg, George Heymont, and Marian Olcha. They were chosen on the basis of, "academic excellence, leadership potential, and an interest in, but not necessarily a technical knowledge of, music."

The award entitles the recipient to attend six regular concerts presented by the New York Philharmonic. The Philharmonic, under the direction of Leonard Bernstein, Josef Krips, and George Szell, will hold the concerts from October, 1963 to April, 1964. Featured soloists will include pianists Claudio Arrau, and John Browning, and the violinists Zino Francescatti, and Issac Stern. The winners will also attend lecture-orientation sessions devoted to the music which will be performed, as well as to more general topics relating to the performing arts.

The music department, under the chairmanship of Mr. Chancy, has also announced the names of the Midwood students who have been accepted into the All-City Orchestra, and the All-City Chorus.

The Midwoodites selected for the All-City Orchestra are: Stephen Goldberg, David Grossman, and Paul Siegel, all of whom play the cello, Ruth Portnoy and Penny Kaplan, who both play the viola, Jane Flegenheimer, a flutist, Geri Koch, who plays the clarinet, Josh Siegel whose specialty is the oboe, Rosiland Grosskopf, whose forte is the violin, and Michael Aaronson, who plays the timpani (kettle drums).

The Midwood students chosen for the All-City Chorus are: tenor Neil Rosenshein, basses David Ludwig, David Mandel, and Philip Schneider. Sue Egert, Mimi Lew, Beverly Meyers, and Stephenie Pava, are all sopranos, while Millie Cortez and Diana Rosen are altos.

Finally, the Midwood High School music department has been asked to perform at the 1964 World's Fair at Flushing Meadows.

EDITORIAL . . . . . .

We are constantly reminded that Midwood High School has an outstanding reputation and that it is our responsibility to uphold its honor; this is true.

Good as this institution may be, there is always room for improvement. As statesman John Viscount Morely said, "It is not enough to do good; one must do it in the right way." This applies especially well to the counseling and guidance machinery here at Midwood.

The problem is a complex one. We have an undermanned guidance staff serving an overpopulated school. This is not unusual for any school but it certainly is not good. Our students achieve high academic status and then find themselves without sufficient guidance to erase any educational question marks. Six major students have no trouble getting their problems solved and neither do those students who are constantly getting into trouble. Attention is focused on these two groups for good reasons. Six major students have abilities which should not be wasted. Their guidance is essential to a strong and well educated America. Those students who form the so-called problem element need guidance to set them straight. Guidance in these cases is either deserved or essential.

Certainly, the majority of the student body here at Midwood is neither in the six major program nor in the problem element. These students form the majority. They are given as much assistance as is necessary, and this is intrinsically wrong. These students need more guidance to either elevate them or to keep them from sinking. Perhaps some people in this majority are of very high potential. They, too should be sought out and placed. Perhaps some of our average students are fast falling into the abyss of the problem element. They should be saved before they fall.

We do not have at Midwood, nor do we have at most American schools, a sufficient number of guidance counselors with the proper training. This situation must be remedied. Only when the average student gets the essential guidance and counseling which he both needs and desires will we have a fundamentally sound system. The problem rests not with our educators who strive to give us a good education, but with our state and city legislatures which continue to fail youth with meager educational appropriations. The problem is one common to all cities, all states and all political parties. It is up to parents, teachers and students to pressure our representatives for far greater educational allotments.

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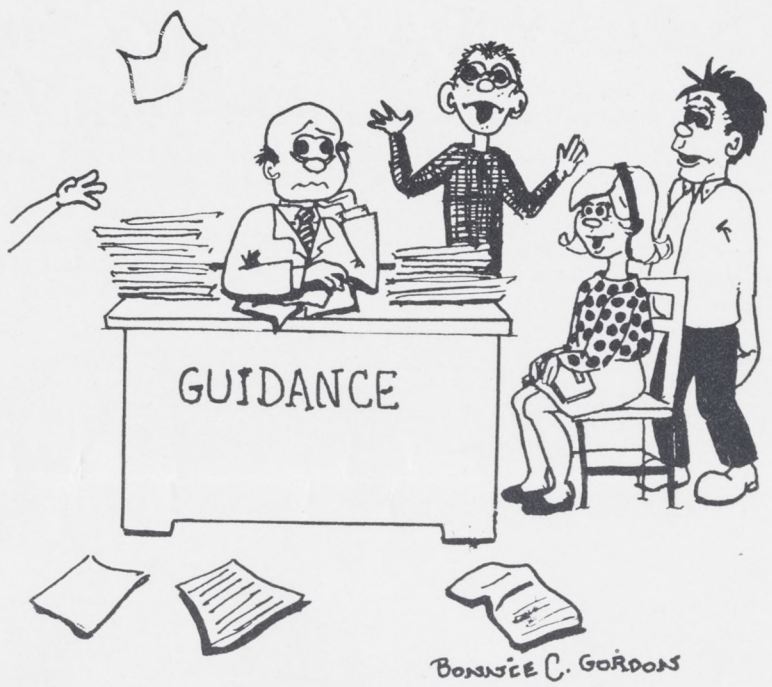


MAYOR'S DESK

Last term when I went to Kensington for an election assembly, I mistakenly thought that we (the candidates for major city officers) would be speaking to a group of immature students who didn't really care about student government. Instead, they showed genuine interest in the City of Midwood. It was pleasing to see this fresh, lively response, in evidence of Kensington's all-important role in student government.

This term, on October 17, I was proud to participate in the installation assembly at the Midwood Annex. I was eager to see how the new Kensingtonites would respond.

There was a very smoothly run program, during which each student (I think I managed to look at each one's face) paid close attention to every speaker. During the program there was a delightful musical interlude, after which everybody showed their grateful appreciation of the wonderful program.

Vox populi . . . . . .

I wish I could impress upon you to the fullest extent the importance of your voice in the City of Midwood but, I can tell you how that voice can be heard:

1. attend and speak at the student council meetings which are held every Tuesday, periods six and nine in room 245;
2. use the suggestion box in the main lobby (please put your name and homeroom on each request so that we may answer each message individually);
3. bring up your questions and suggestions when I visit your homeroom in the near future;
4. visit B-71 when it is open during periods six through nine and consult with any student officer or with our faculty advisor Mr. Grebanier.

If you take advantage of these excellent opportunities to be heard, our student government will definitely be better prepared to meet the needs of all the students.

I would like to devote some space to the halls. The turmoil should be reduced.

1. Don't congregate in the halls.
2. Don't stop on the staircases to wait for a friend.
3. Don't use the wrong staircases (up is up; down is down).
4. Don't run through halls.
5. Look where you are going; don't turn suddenly.
6. Don't crowd in front of water fountains.

DAVE HOLZMAN

Principal's Message

Dear Boys and Girls:

I want to congratulate all of you on the exemplary behavior of our spectators at our first two football games.

As I have told you before, the South Brooklyn High Schools have agreed to enforce a code of spectator conduct at all athletic contests. At this time I should like to indicate rather specifically what these rules of good sportsmanship embrace:

1. Booing or jeering is a sign of a poor sport. Direct your energy to encouragement of your team rather than to noise or remarks directed at opponents or officials.
2. Good plays on the part of members of both teams should be appreciated and applauded. Give credit where credit is due.
3. Show respect, appreciation, and manners during the half-time show of **both** schools.
4. It is not good taste to cheer when an injury occurs or when a penalty is inflicted.
5. At home games, the visiting team and spectators are our guests. They should be treated with courtesy and be made to feel at home.

This should be the Midwood standard of conduct, regardless of any deviation on the part of those who are not connected with our school. You must always bear in mind that the impression of our school and our reputation depend on each of you individually.

Sincerely yours,

J. L . Bernstein,
Principal

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor of the Midwood **Argus:**

Recently, many Midwood students took their PSAT in preparation for their College Board examinations. These tests are acquiring added importance with reference to college admissions. Many schools are basing their future admissions on the PSAT scores. It is about time that high school students realize that they can no longer work only for a mark, but that they must work for the knowledge behind it.

When are they going to wake up?

Mark Lieberman, 433A

To the Editor of the Midwood **Argus:**

During an average day at Midwood, it is not unusual for a student to have three tests. This problem was to be solved by a test schedule which would assign each subject to a different day. However, some of the teachers do not follow the schedule.

When a student has too many tests in one day it is very difficult to do well in all of them. This problem can be remedied by strict enforcement of the test schedule by all teachers.

Helene Leichtman, 483M

To the Editor of the Midwood **Argus:**

Today's high school student is constantly pressed by one idea. He knows that admission to some sort of college is the only good chance for a successful life. Most juniors in Midwood do not realize that college isn't so far away. College entrance this early in the game is evidenced by the writing of the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test. Juniors take this exam without a thorough understanding of why these tests are given, what they mean and how the marks are used.

At this time, college advisors are very busy trying to help the seniors. If it were possible to also educate the juniors about college each student would be greatly helped. For juniors there are many programs offered by colleges and universities, like the Early Appraisal Program which requires immediate action, by the students, at this time. Students in their third year of high school should begin to select colleges of their choice; and these ideas can only be influenced by the guidance a student receives. Early guidance to juniors would enable students to take advantage of their studies.

James Novick, 234A

Clubs Conflict; Activities Fold

There are many students in Midwood who retain an insatiable appetite for expressing themselves, through associations with literary publications, athletic groups, and organized debates.

When these societies were first organized, it had not been anticipated that there would emerge from the student body such a diversity of interests on the part of each of its members. Since these pupils manifested their proficiencies in a wide variety of activities, it seeemed probable that the clubs would overflow in membership and increase, in general, Midwood's school spirit. However, the events which ensued, failed to exist in accordance with that logical but idealistic theory. On the contrary, the membership in some of these organizations decreased steadily, and two were even forced to fold.

These new developments were apparently due to the arrangement of several activities to meet during a single period; a good example is the eighth period, during which three out of the four literary organizations meet. Our eager scribes are thus presented with the problem of deciding which of these three associations is best suited for their interests and writing talents, and to which they can offer the most. Accordingly, students who would have ordinarily participated in several of these activities, find themselves limited to only one, thereby decreasing the size of those clubs they have rejected, and lessening the general interest and spirit which should exist in any voluntary activity.

Meet Your Teacher

"Today it is no longer necessary to convince students that school is important for they seem to realize it on their own." I was thus told by Mr. Stephen Berr, a member of Midwood's Earth Science Department for the past two years. He previously taught at Lafayette and Wingate High Schools in Brooklyn, and prior to that in California for two years.

Mr. Berr attended Brooklyn College where he received his degree in geology. He also studied space science at the Michigan College of Mining and Technology, and took a course in physics at the University of California. At the University of Washington, he studied oceanography, the branch of physical geography dealing with the ocean.

After his release from the Army, Mr. Berr learned that earth science was taught in the high schools and immediately decided that teaching this subject, an allied science of geology, would be his life's profession.

Mr. Berr's activities include membership in the National Association of Geology Teachers. His interest in travelling has taken him to forty out of the fifty states, living in four of them for long periods of time. This geologist thinks the United States has much to offer and heartily encourages traveling through it.

His other hobbies include photography and painting; he has furthered his education in art at the Brooklyn

Mr. Stephen Berr

Museum Art School. Reading is Mr. Berr's favorite pastime for he especially enjoys books on philosophy and science.

As faculty advisor of Midwood's Radio Club, Mr. Berr described how the organization's members broadcast to other amateur clubs throughout the country.

A teacher with diversified interests is presently studying for his Masters Degree in guidance and counseloring at Brooklyn College. When asked whether he feels that he has successfully fulfilled his goals in life, his only response was, "Once one fulfills all of his goals, he is dead. The most uninteresting people feel that they have already succeeded in acquiring all their life's expectations."

Mr. Berr derives deep satisfaction from his work at Midwood and feels that in order to be successful in the teaching profession one should enjoy working with and helping others. He stated that his greatest present desire is, "to instill in his students his own love for geology." *Phyllis Okun*

Spanish Club Maps Plans

Do you know that there is a club in Midwood for those people who enjoy speaking Spanish? It is called the Spanish Honor Society and it meets every Wednesday afternoon in the Music Lounge during the "M" homeroom.

An interview with Mr. Henry Blaustein, the faculty advisor of the organization, disclosed that the society has many exciting plans. These include publication of a Spanish newspaper and dinner at an inexpensive Spanish restaurant. Such plans are contingent upon more students becoming active in this group.

Mr. Blaustein also stated that "The group is for those people who are interested in speaking Spanish in a social atmosphere." Naturally, since it is an extra-curricular activity, no homework is given. The minimum requirement for admission is a 90 percent average in Spanish.

When Mr. Blaustein studied at Midwood ten years ago, there existed, he explained, no such opportunity for students of Spanish to improve their skills in the language. Several years ago, the name was changed from the Pan-American Club to the Spanish Honor Society.

Richard Spies, president of the club, stated, "its main aim is to encourage people to use the Spanish language." One need not be afraid that only Spanish is spoken, for early in the term, English is also used.

An effort will be made to obtain guest speakers to address the members. Last term, the society was privileged to have as its guests, the winners of the Brooklyn College Spanish Poetry Contest.

This reporter, along with the members of the Spanish Honor Society, hopes that more students will soon come to share in the association's activities.

Ilene Stolper

BARNYARD STRIKE SEEN

Halloween and Thanksgiving must be abolished. Ever since these horrifying rituals started, we have been suffering.

As soon as the leaves turn brown and begin to fall, the farmers prepare

us for the ultimate end—human consumption. Our daily meals are increased. We are treated like kings, given the best of food until we reach the perfect size for cooking. Then, as Fate would have it our time slowly runs out. Year after year, defenseless pumpkins and turkeys are taken on bumpy wagon rides and transported to markets all over the country, only to be made into pumpkin pie or stuffed with bread crumbs for a Thanksgiving dinner. How much longer can we endure these abuses? It is just not fair!

Picture Halloween Eve as witches and ghosts are flying through the darkness. Wouldn't a big round watermelon with a candle in the middle, make a wonderful jack o' lantern? Imagine the surprise of the unsuspecting American families who sit down to dinner to find a roast duck sizzling on a plate before them instead of the traditional turkey.

This then is the goal we strive for. The only way we can gain our freedom is by passive resistance. When Farmer Brown brings you corn or an extra portion of grain, it is your duty as a "Son of Liberty" to refuse him.

As for now, pumpkins, you will have to keep your roots from expanding so you will not grow round and fat. In this way, farmers will be forced to resort to some other fruit to take your place in the American home.

It will take time and patience, but in the end, we shall and must succeed. Bear in mind that we are fighting not only for ourselves, but for our children, grandchildren and all others who will come after we are gone.

This is a revolution. Stand up and be counted!!! *Barbara Lazar*

NEW FILM SOARS; POITIER STARS

Lilies of the Field, a wonderfully written film, is a welcome change from the conventional, so-called "sophisticated" comedies that have been appearing lately.

In this production, Sidney Poitier gives a realistic portrayal of Homer Smith, a very amiable young man, who wanders about the United States in his station wagon, available for any odd job that will pay good money. While traveling through the Southwest, he stops at a house for water and discovers that the owners are five nuns who have escaped from East Germany in order to get property which they had inherited in America. The nuns think that he was sent by the grace of heaven to build a chapel for them; what ensues is hilarious.

Of particular enjoyment are the times in which Homer tries to teach the German-speaking sisters the intricacies of the English language, or when they all join in to sing "Amen," a Baptist spiritual. Homer's tremendous appetite outstripped the very meager meals that the nuns prepare. The scene in which Homer matches wits with the Mother Superior, until they take out their respective Bibles and start to quote, is just delightful.

Lilia Skala is quite effective as the stern Mother Maria, who bullies poor Homer or "Schmidt," as she calls him. Stanley Adams plays Juan, the friendly owner of an eating place, who prepares sumptuous Sunday breakfasts for Homer. There is also Father Murphy, a priest who lives in a trailer, and who does not believe that Homer will build the chapel.

Lilies of the Field is a skillfully made film in all ways. It is done in good taste, for it shows respect for religion and it brings out the fact that nuns are warm, understanding people who can enjoy life as much as anyone else. The ending can be anticipated, yet it is very touching. All concerned have done an excellent job of acting, but special merit should be given to Sidney Poitier, who deserves an extra mention for his truly rewarding performance.

FRANCINE CASSLER

Midmoods . . .

HARRIET MOLBERGER

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness"—in short, it was the end of the sixth period.

Posed in the doorway of a room far down the fourth floor hall, I stood watching, waiting. My vigilant eye wandered along the corridors: there wasn't a sound to be heard nor a soul to be seen. At this strategic point—twenty-two steps from the "down" staircase, thirty-one steps from the "up" staircase—I prepared myself for action during these remaining sixty seconds of quiescence.

I feared the coming "transition period" during which I would change classes for the seventh and final time that day. Since such a procedure required descending four flights of stairs, crossing a hall fifteen rooms in length, and turning left for three doors, I had to devise a plan which presented the fewest disadvantages.

Utilizing the "down" staircase demanded all my physical and mental strength, as well as the patience of a saint (which I am not). Hopes for making my way down the "up" staircase were rather grim. Other possible courses of action included stealing an elevator pass or sounding the fire alarm; a more cleverly conceived scheme involved jumping out of a window, sliding down one of the six supporting pillars, and running around the corner to re-enter the building on the Glenwood Road side. . . .

However, all my former efforts to resolve the situation suddenly proved futile. I was stunned back to reality by the bell which indicated the beginning of the seventh period. The halls were already cleared and I had the right of way.

PHILHARMONIC REOPENS

Audiences returning to Philharmonic Hall for its second season will indeed have a season to look forward to. There will of course be the subscription series and the young people's concerts, and in addition, a new program of scholarship concerts for teenagers. This series consists of six concerts, and tickets were distributed on a recommendation basis to one thousand high school seniors throughout the city.

A glance at the schedule will reveal that the season will contain not only works of the standard repertoire, but will also include many new and exciting contemporary works. The list of soloists and conductors is impressive, and with the season encompassing so much, no one can say that there is nothing to suit his taste.

The October 13 concert was devoted to the works of Russian composers and the soloist was, appropriately enough, a Russian. The program opened with the overture to "Russlan and Ludmilla" by Michail Glinka. Glinka is one of the class of composers whose works are often forgotten in the wake of later and more popular compositions. He was, however, one of the most influential men in setting the tone of future Russian music. The overture itself is a very lively work with brilliant chords and scale runs. The themes are all jubilant in nature, with the dominating one coming from Russlan's second act aria.

The second work on the program was Shostakovich's "Symphony #6." Through his entire career, Shostakovich has been plagued by political interpretations of his works, and this symphony in particular was preceded by a great deal of comment on its nature. The composer, however, fooled everyone and did not write it in the political vein that was predicted. He did not in fact, write it in the standard symphonic form. The work opens with a long slow movement which is followed by two fast ones.

The concluding selection was the Rachmaninoff "Piano Concerto #3" performed by Jakov Fliere. Mr. Fliere suffered a hand injury ten years ago, and as a result, his public performances had been curtailed until recently. His playing was exquisite, and when the work was concluded the haunting first theme lingered in one's mind and it was hard to believe that the program was finished.

STEPHEN Z. GOLDBERG

Spotlight

Stephanie Pava has the spotlight. She is the strong, competent girl whom everybody searches for when things seem to be going wrong. Pianist of her Freshmen Sing, and leader of her Sophomore, Junior and Senior Sings, Stevie admits, "I like to be a leader."

Speaking of this year's Sing, Stevie expressed the hope that the seniors will be successful, " but more important, is the gradual building up of a Sing-the working together and collaboration of everyone involved in Sing." Music plays a vital role in Stevie's life. A member of All City and Mixed Chorus, she enjoys classical, folk and show music. Stevie loves to sing, and attends her classes with a perpetual song on her lips.

"I'm sick of Joan Baez, I'm tired of guitars, and I'm bored with everyone being pseudo-pseudo," Stevie speaks willingly and openly of those things she dislikes. "Sometimes I'm harsh." Television to her is "just a big waste." She considers it "an excellent medium being misused." Cheating on exams is another favorite peeve of Stevie's. "I just get furious," she declared.

If Stevie had all the money she wanted to spend as she pleased, she would go to school for the rest of her life. "I'm interested in learning; I want to be wise."

Stephanie Pava

She spends a good deal of her time reading, and likes Euripedes best-"he's so great."

Most of all Stevie enjoys laughing. "I get giddy lot of times."

She likes Midwood because "it offers freedom. I've never been reprimanded for having my own opinion and I've never been afraid to express myself." Following her graduation from Midwood Stevie plans to pursue a libral arts program at Brooklyn College. Her social studies teacher, Mr. Irving Gordon, describes Stevie as "a whirlwind of constructive activity." We agree.

HELENE MONHEIT

Brooklyn College Grows and Grows

Most of us take the cluster of college buildings across the street for granted, yet not many people know its history.

Brooklyn College first opened its doors in a series of loft buildings in the Borough Hall section of Brooklyn in 1930. This resulted from the merger of the Brooklyn branches of Hunter College and City College. Soon after, the college moved to its forty-two acre campus located at Avenue H and Bedford Avenue. It consisted of five Georgian buildings and complete athletic facilities and offered courses in liberal arts and science, general studies and teachers' courses.

Later, the plans for an adult education division were put into effect. A division of teacher education was also set up to coordinate and advance the programs of preparation for teacher personnel.

In the fall of 1954, Walt Whitman Hall was completed. This building houses the modern five hundred seat George Gershwin Theater and the twenty-five hundred seat Walt Whitman Auditorium.

Five years later, a contemporary, modern extension to the library, then containing three hundred and eighty five thousand volumes, was added, to keep pace with the continuous growth and expansion of the college. The campus now boasts eight buildings including the new Student Union.

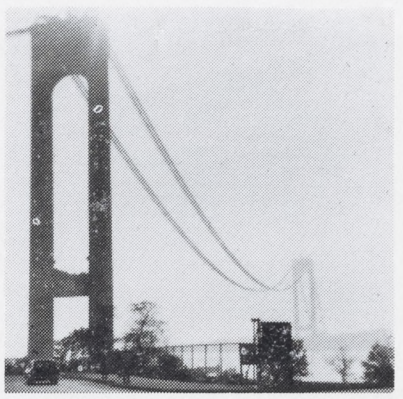
The latest building, Alfred North Whitehead Hall, containing two hundred and twelve thousand square feet of classroom space was opened and dedicated by Mayor Robert Wagner last month.

Although Brooklyn is a young college it sparkles with spirit and is rich in potential.

CATHY WOLFERT

Our Town: VERRAZANO HONORED

New York City climbs high above the clouds. Our skyscrapers towering above the earth are the greatest spectacles since the pyramids of Egypt. As a "melting pot" New York has always been the largest in population, most productive in industry, and tallest in structure. In December, 1964, we will add another great feature to our collection. The pride of the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority; the product of over one thousand two hundred men; the endless effort of countless steel and concrete manufacturing organizations; the connection between Brooklyn and Staten Island; the bridge with the longest suspension on the earth. This is the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge.



Verrazano Bridge

Staten Island will never again be the secluded borough of New York. Real estate value, land grabbing, house building, project construction, and shopping center development has increased in the past few years. The borough of Richmond was previously the least populated of the five boroughs composing New York City. A land boom, caused because of its convenience to Manhattan, will make Staten Island a full-fledged member on par with the other four counties of the city.

Mr. George Hammond, safety engineer of the Narrows Bridge and its approaches, said that a "tall proposition is being undertaken." He stated that the bridge can be considered a New York effort because of the fact that most of the workers and engineers live in this city.

The plans for the bridge include a two deck roadway. However, at its opening, the span will have only the upper deck completed. The lower deck will be completed at a later date as traffic warrants it.

A number of skilled and experienced construction men have spent many long, hard hours in building this Gargantua of the waters. Frank Orioli, who began work on the Brooklyn side of the bridge three years ago, stated that he and his co-workers are "proud to be a part of this monument." Mr. Orioli, a veteran construction man of the George Washington Bridge, was among those who climbed 690 feet above the waters to spin the cables on the top of the bridge. It is because of the courage of these men that we may take pride in our glorious Verrazano-Narrows Bridge.

SUE SCHWARTZ

Sportlight..... Middie Backfield

By SETH ABRAHAM

During a Middie football game, when the backfield powwow breaks, four boys carry the brunt of the Midwood offensive attack. Once the pigskin is in the hands of the quarterback, he has many options on how to advance his team. He can toss an aerial to one of his ends, or hand off the ball to one of his backfield compatriots. This is a look at the Midwood backfield.

Larry Getto is the junior signal caller for the Midwood football corps. Larry is a competent passer and a good runner, but it is his defensive ability for which Larry is known. Larry is middle linebacker on the defensive unit. This means that Larry plays almost every minute of every game.

Our quarterback-line backer realizes that if he wants to play college ball, it will be difficult for him to play on both platoons, offensive and defensive. Larry states that he would rather play defense in collegiate competition. Larry maintains an 82% average and has received feelers from Harvard, Army, and Colgate. He definitely wants to play college football.

The junior enjoys painting and riding horses. In Midwood, Larry is presently an art major; he would like to follow that up in college too. The quarterback, when he has to sustain a march to paydirt, likes to throw the ball and then resort to the ground for yardage for the last two downs. One such backfield buddy that Larry either can hand off to or throw a screen pass to his fullback Mike Weinberg.

Mike is not an exceptionally fast back but is a strong one, combining both power and agility to ground out valuable yardage. When Mike breaks into the defensive secondary, it will take a brave and speedy halfback to bring him down. The big fullback got interested in football when in junior high school. However, he missed having a chance to try out where undoubtedly he would have made the Midwood J. V. Mike feels it hurt him. He believes that the extra year would have given him more football savvy on how to play his position. However, with or without the extra year, Midwood's opponents have had a hard time stopping Mike. Like Larry, Mike also is an expert defensive player. He is the corner line backer, where he must bring down a ball carrier on play run to his side and cover a receiver downfield.

The senior likes rock and roll music, saying that it relaxes and lets all the strain of an upcoming game gradually wear off. Mike would like to attend the University of Bridgeport, where he would like to play collegiate ball. The greatest thrill of Mike's pigskin playing days came last year in the Poly Prep game. From his fullback slot, Mike made several key receptions. If Mike is running out an assigned pass pattern and is being covered closely, then quarterback Getto can look to one of his halfbacks, Brent Kaufman for a safety valve pass.

Brent is another member of Coach Eisenberg's Kiddie Corps. That is, talented sophomores who make the team, start as juniors and finish off as talented and experienced seniors. Brent, a junior at this time, is one of the speed boys. For example, during a scoreless duel with John Jay this season, Brent picked off a stray pass and outran and outlasted all would be pursuers for an 85 yard scoring play. So far this season, Brent has one touchdown in each game.

To utilize his speed, Coach Eisenberg will frequently send Brent into double safety on fourth down in a punting situation with another speedster Bruce Levine. When one of them receives the ball and starts making tracks, all that one can see is a blue and white blur. Brent hopes to attend Colgate or Columbia. He maintains an average of 86.5%. At either one of these schools, Brent hopes to play college ball. The halfback enjoys all sports, and listening to show music, although most of his time is put into football practice. Sometimes, depending on Getto's plays in the huddle, Brent will flank out as a prime target for a Getto aerial. If Brent can pick up one step on the defender, he will be hard to catch. Another play to watch is Brent's lighting around the end for a fake sweep and throwing the option pass. If an over anxious secondary defender is gambling, watch for Brent to toss a quickie into that unguarded area. If the defenders hem Brent in, then he will look for the other halfback, Sam Demarco.

Sam is an ideal runner for any backfield. He is very fast and deceptively strong. If you need long yardage, give Sam two or three good blocks, and he can reel up as many yards as you need. If Midwood needs short yardage, look for the same number, thirteen, to hurdle over would be tacklers. Sam is also an excellent receiver. He has good moves and very good hands. Not many passes will be dropped by this senior. In the first game of the season against Boys High, Sam turned on the speed going around end for a twenty six yard tally.

In the third game of the schedule, the halfback used his power to score from eight yards out. He was halted at the line of scrimmage, then regained his momentum, and then scored standing up. He ran through one tackler, and over another.

On and off the gridiron, he and Mike Weinberg are good friends. Many times they will be seen bowling, driving, or just relaxing on the eve of a game. At the next Midwood game, watch Sam and the rest of the Middie backfield in action. They do their job with little trimmings or fancy razzle dazzle. They stay on the ground, and only take the air if necessary. They play with no reckless abandon, but with icy conservatism. They will punt on fourth down whether they have to get six yards or six inches to go. Yet they win; what more can anyone else want?

Many college coaches say that the best offense is the best defense. Yet you can't win if you can't score, and that is just what the backfield is there for. You can't win if there are no points on your side of the scoreboard, and the Middie offense headed by the four boys in the backfield, have continually put points up there.

Parent Association Aids Football Team

Midwood High is unique for it is the only school that can boast of a Football Parents' Association.

This group was created last year by the parents of football players in cooperation with the coaching staff, headed by Mr. William Eisenberg. The Football Parents' Association serves a double purpose. First, it gives the parents an opportunity to get into close contact with the world of football. At each weekly meeting, "game films" are shown and the progress as well as the shortcomings of the team are discussed. Everyone present gets a good taste of football, Midwood style. The second purpose of the Football Parents' Association does not deal primarily with the gridiron sport itself, but rather with the practical financial aspects of the sport. It is the organization's philosophy that our school's football team deserves the very best and it is up to the parents to do all in their power to see that the team gets what it deserves. The Association has already provided the team with a whirlpool and a heatlamp which aid the boys' recovery from frequent minor injuries. Another innovation, which is a Midwood first, is the printing of a professional type program that is sold at each game. The usual high school program is a printed mimeographed roster sheet which is given out at the gate.

Since the Midwood Football Parents' Association has given such enthusiastic support, it has become a vital chapter in the success story now being written by the Midwood Football Team.

Tennis Team Wins Tourneys

The tennis season is still half a year away but several tournaments have already taken place.

In the twelfth annual Midwood novice tennis tournament, Marty Winkleman, a member of the basketball and golf teams, copped the trophy from a field of twenty-five players.

For the third straight year, a Midwoodite took first place honors in the yearly P.S.A.L. Novice City Tennis Tournament. This season, Charles Cohen defeated players from twelve high schools on the courts of the Highway Tennis Club.

In the most important match of the fall, members of the Middie tennis squad won the annual Bishop Loughlin Fall Tennis Tournament, held at the St. John's Courts. John Mogulescu, Mike Ginsburg, Elliot Golinkoff and Charles Cohen defeated teams from Far Rockaway, Holy-Cross, and last year's runner-up for the city title, Bayside High Schools.

Last year was probably the best season in the history of the racquetman. The Middies won all of the 40 games played and lost but one of the 81 sets participated in. For the city championship, the squad edged Bayside 3-2. However Pete Lederman, who excelled during his match in the playoff, Randy Rose, Dave Laitin, and Marty Liebowitz have graduated. Veterans John Mogulescu, who will be the captain of the team, Mike Ginsburg, and Elliot Golinkoff will be playing in the single matches.

Coach Eisenstadt is now in the process of rebuilding two doubles teams. Vying for spots on a doubles team are; Chuck Cohen, Bobby Fuhr, Steve Pearlman, Jim Wexler, Dan Vartabedian, Marty Winleman, Jim Novick, Robert Scholer, Marty Pfeffer, Joel Brenner, Barry Aronstan, Ted Feit, and Gary Cooper.

With two inter-school championships already accounted for, the tennis team can look forward to another victorious year in its long history of successful seasons.

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Mermen Victorious Against John Jay, Lincoln High Schools

The Middie Aquamen, under the supervision of Mr. Herb Solomon, began a triumphant season by defeating John Jay and Lincoln High Schools.

The splashing commenced as the Middies clashed with John Jay. The Midwood Mermen scored in almost every event; each of the boys participating, displaying fine speed and ability. Valuable points were picked up by Harry Vellia, Roger Jamgouchin, Andy Glassman, and Mark Brewer; not excluding superb showings by Mike Dreshler in the 50 yard free-style, Don Gaiti in the 100 yard free-style, Richard Acosta in the 400 yard free-style, Jim McNulty in the 100 yard breast stroke, Charlie Wolfson in the 100 yard back stroke, and Chips Triola in the 200 yard individual medley. Special mention should be made of Richard Acosta's progress from a third string man last year to a key individual on the team today.

The medley relay was won by captains Alan Glassman and Jim McNulty, accompanied by Chips Triola and Mike Dreshler. The free-style relay, swam solely by sophomores, was also victorious. The final score of the day was 79-16, Midwood.

Lincoln gave the Aquamen a tougher battle, but Midwood again came out on top with a close score of 52-43. Individual victories again go to Richard Acosta in the 400 yard free-style, Captain Alan Glassman in the 100 yard back stroke, and Chips Triola in the 200 yard individual medley.

Middies here too were successful in the Relay Medley, combining the talents of Charlie Wolfson, Jim McNulty, Chips Triola, and Glenn Rubel.

During the Lincoln meet, the Captain of the Swimming Team, Jim McNulty, broke the present 100 yard breast stroke record by scoring a remarkable time of 1:14.6. Outstanding performances were also seen by sophomores Lloyd Bascone in diving and Marvin Schwartz in the 200 yard free-style; each of the four boys taking 1st place in both meets.

The Aquamen have indeed shown themselves capable of being the City Champs, and if their stride and perseverance continue they will achieve this long hoped for honor. *Jeff Soffer*

CINDERMEN COP THIRD

By HOWIE COHEN

In the recent track meet at Van Cortland Park, Saturday, October 19, the Midwood High School track team finished a strong third place in the C-division race.

The hard running Middie Cindermen brought in a total of seven medals. The Cindermen were again led by Captain Billy Goodheart. Billy finished third in the two and one half mile race, with the excellent time of 14:02. With his strong showing, Captain Goodheart contributed two team medals to the cause.

Of course, Billy was strongly backed up by Midwood's many other fast cross country runners. Harvey Firestone acquired a team medal when he ran with a fine time of 15:25. Ronnie De La Rosa came on strong with a time of 16:00 to contribute another award to the Midwood collection. A speedy performance was turned in by Charlie Erlich who finished in the time of 15:40, warranting a medal. Still another medal was captured by Marty Horowitz whose running time was in the 15:40's. Midwood's seventh team trophy was won by Bob Petrich whose time was a hot 15:34. A medal eluded Joel Cohen, this time, even though he ran an excellent race.

This brilliant showing by the Cindermen of Midwood only adds more proof to the statement made by Coach Herb Solomon, who said at the beginning of the season, that Midwood's cross country team is looking very strong.

With this fine showing under their belts the Cindermen are anxiously awaiting the next meet.

MIDDIES UNDEFEATED

By SETH ABRAHAM

The Midwood Football Team, which won its last five games last season, continued on its winning ways by upending its first three opponents. Midwood trounced Boys 20-6, outlasted John Jay 8-0, and ran over Poly Prep 35-7.

In the opening contest of the gridiron season, the Middies faced Boys High. Mike Weinberg, the middie fullback tallied on a 26 yard run for the first score. Brent Kaufman, then plunged over from the one. Late in the third period, Sam Demarco, a halfback, wiggled in from the 8. The final tally was 20-6.

The next contest saw Midwood pitted against John Jay. Both teams refused to yield to the scoring thrusts of their opponents. However, late in the game Brent Kaufman, a Middie safetyman plucked off a misguided pigskin and

Getto bucks Poly defenseman

toted it 85 yards for a tally. In the last quarter, tackle Howie Small caught the Jay quarterback in his end zone as he faded back to pass. Midwood held on to win 8-0. After this game, Midwood was the only undefeated, untied team in Brooklyn.

In a non-league game, Midwood battered Poly Prep, 35-7. In the first quarter, Brent Kaufman opened up the barrage with a one yard plunge into paydirt. In the second period Sam Demarco scooted in from the eight. Quarterback Getto ended the swing in the first half with a quarterback sneak. Mike Ventura was now at the helm of the Middie eleven as they took the field in the second half. He quickly fired a 22 yard scoring strike to Richie Rosenthal for another tally. To cap off a final attack Bob Martin scored from the one.

Looking over the next five opponents only two of them stand in the way of an undefeated season. Brooklyn Tech, long time champ of the city is in third place; Jefferson upsetting the Engineers 12-0. The other team is Tilden. Tilden has compiled a 2-0-1 record, but remains very dangerous.

Besides those two rough opponents, the Middies face a rather easy schedule down the backstretch of the season. The Mid-nine plays Madison, Erasmus and Lincoln, which have a combined record of 2-7. Midwood faces Erasmus on Thanksgiving Day, the annual homecoming game.

If the Middies can edge Tech and Tilden, and avoid an upset from the rest of the pack, Midwood may have its first undefeated season.

Kickoff

LOUIS MORRIS

As the **Argus** goes to press, as the old cliche goes, the Midwood Football Team is on top in P.S.A.L. Division II, with the only unblemished record; 3-0. The first part of the schedule favored the Mid-eleven by pitting our footballers against some comparatively easy adversaries such as Boys, John Jay, and Poly Prep. However, the great success of the squad is due to an unyielding defense. Through three games, the Middies have given up only two touchdowns. The first, by Boys, was a result of penalties and the Blue and White forfeited one hundred seventy yards to the Kangaroos. The second tally, scored by Poly Prep, was against the third or "raider" squad.

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Mike Ventura, inside linebacker and quarterback, unveiled himself as a fine all around football player. Against Poly, he engineered two marches to paydirt; one score coming on a twenty-three yard touchdown pass, intercepted two passes and even kicked an extra point. Ventura, who also does the punting, has often guided the squad out of sticky circumstances on fourth down.

Bruce (Flash) Levine never fails to electrify the crowd on kickoff and punt returns. With high kicking action, good fakes, and changes of direction, he evades tacklers. But, when Bruce goes down, it seems that the whole opposition team piles on top of him and it appears that he has to be scraped from the turf. Yet, as the dust clears, Levine is one of the first to pop up and trot back to the huddle.

Another pleasant surprise in the Middie backfield this season is the success of halfback Brent Kaufman. He is very fast and has exceptional drive for a halfback. Brent has picked up close to 200 yards in rushing so far and is leading the team in that department. With a little more experience as a back, he should blossom into a great break-away threat. Brent has already shown his speed as he plucked a misguided John Jay pass out of the air on the Midwood fifteen yard line. With nothing but grass in front of him, he zoomed for the score.

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In the next five weeks, the Middies will face tough, fired-up high school teams. Tilden and Tech are among the top powerhouses in the city. Erasmus, Lincoln and especially Madison will be obstinate in an attempt to knock the team off the top (if Middies are still on top).

However, the Blue and White possess the best defense in the city. After a shaky start, the offense finally jelled in the Poly game. The holes were opening and the backs were hitting them. With any sort of luck, the Middies have the power and momentum to go all the way.

Booters Tie Boys, Jaskolka Excels; Record Now 1-2-1

By MARK LIEBERMAN

In the hotly contested fourth game of the season, the Midwood soccer team tied the Boys High eleven 2-2, at Boys High Field. For the Middies, it marked the end of a streak which had seen them drop two games in a row. They began the season with an upset, 1-0, shutout victory over East New York Vocational High School, but were then defeated by the division leaders, Bushwick and Erasmus Hall, by scores of 4-2 and 3-0 respectively.

In the game against Boys High, Boys scored first in the initial period. Midwood came back as Mike Jaskolka sent the leather ball flying into the goal on a penalty kick. Early in the second period Benny Greenbaum tallied and at the half the Blue and White led, 2-1. Boys High tied the game in the third period, but outstanding defensive play on the part of captain Herman Kolender, Manny Osterbach, Paul Melnick, and Maris Kruze helped Midwood hold the tie.

High scorer for Midwood through their first four games is Mike Jaskolka, a senior who has scored four times including the deciding goal against East New York. That game was marked by outstanding defensive work by rookie goalie Ira Linzer.

The soccer team is coached by Mr. Barney Cohen and led by captain Herman Kolender. Assistants include Benny Greenbaum and Howie Wecksler. Other returning veterans on the squad are Al Balinsky, Alan Hausman, Harold Mugge, Joe Rosenthal and Jay Weiss. Rookies include Mark Lieberman, Abe Ruthman, Arthur Schwartz, Dave Warren, Ben Wasserman, and Marty Weltz.

This season can be considered a success because of the large amount of good newcomers on the team. With them, Midwood will be able to build a team for the future.